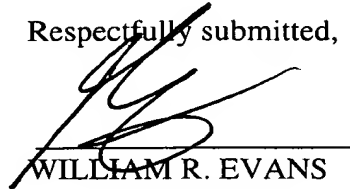


REMARKS

The above amendatory action is taken solely for the purpose of avoiding claim fees that would otherwise accrue due to the presence of multiple dependent claims.

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5. A process according to claim[s 2 and] 3, in which the blend from stage a) is carried out by milling

6. A process according to claim[s 2 and] 4, in which the mixture from stage a) is carried out by dispersion, preferably in water.

7. A process according to claim[s 2, 3 and] 5, in which the agglomeration of stage b) consists of a granulation.

8. A process according to claim[s 2, 4 and] 6, in which the agglomeration of stage b) consists of drying by atomisation.

9. A process according to claim[s] 2 [to 8], in which, before stage c) there is a prior pre-calcination step.

10. A process according to claim[s] 2 [to 9], in which, after stage c), there is a cooling step, prior to blending 10 of the resulting pigment.

11. A process according to claim[s] 2 [to 10], in which step e) preferably consists of grinding or milling,,

12. Pigments obtained according to the process of claim[s] 2 [to 11].

15. Use according to claim[s] 13 [and 14], characterised in 20 that the source of silica is obtained from condensation of gases evolved during the manufacture of silicon metal and/or alloys thereof.

16. Use of the pigments of claim[s] 1 [or 12], alone or in blends with other materials, as integrants in the compositions of enamels, glasses, ceramics, cements, plastics, laminates, graphic inks and rubber.

17. Use of the pigments of claim[s] 1 [or 12], alone or in blends with other materials, in the surface decoration of enamels, glasses, ceramics, cements, plastics, Laminates, graphic inks and rubber.

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18. A ceramic product characterised in that it includes in its composition the pigments of claim[s] 1 [or 12].

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